Ch.1

Angel Jibreel asks and Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) answers

What do you understand from this title?

Why does Angel Jibreel ask Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) questions and what kind of questions does Angel Jibreel ask?

Did Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) answer him?

Shall we learn about these questions and their answers?

Alright. Let's discover these questions and the answers given by both Angel Jibreel and Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

All ears, please! pay attention and listen carefully to what happened.

- **We are going to learn the three basic principles of our religion which are:**

(Islam - Iman – Ihsan).

- **This story will help you better understand your relationship with Allah.**

GET STARTED →

"And say, My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

A STRANGER SHOWS UP

- It was Prophet Muhammad's (ﷺ) habit to gather his companions around him to preach to them as well as teaching them about Islam, the Qur'an, and good ethics and manners.
- The companion Umar ibn al-Khattab once said "one day we were sitting with Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) when all of a sudden, a strange man dressed in very white clothes with extremely black hair appeared from nowhere.
- The man's clothes were clean and pure white, and his hair was extremely black. He didn't look like he had traveled far and none of us knew him or had seen him before".

LET'S DESCRIBE THIS STRANGER:

1. He wore very clean, crystal clear, white clothes – no dust or dirt at all.
2. His hair was extremely black – neat and tidy.
3. He didn't look like a traveler – no signs of a long journey, like dusty clothes or tiredness.
4. Nobody recognized him – he was a complete stranger.

What Did This Stranger Do?

- He walked straight toward the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). Then, he did something very interesting. He sat down in front of the Prophet, close enough that his knees touched the Prophet's knees.
- He placed both of his hands on the Prophet's thighs. This showed great respect and focus—he was ready to listen carefully and learn.

Then the man asked the first question:

> O Muhammad, tell me about Islam.

- The Sahabah (the companions) were watching very curious. They didn't know who this man was, and the way he spoke and behaved showed that something important was happening.
- Now, let's look at the Prophet Muhammad's (ﷺ) answer. He explained what Islam is by teaching the Five Pillars of Islam—the five basic duties every Muslim must learn and try to do:

Five pillars of Islam

1. Shahadah

"La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadur Rasool Allah."

2. Salah

The Five obligatory prayers.

3. Zakah

Rich Muslims gives Zakah to poor Muslims.

4. Sawm

Fasting during the month of Ramadan.

5. Hajj

Traveling to Makkah to perform the pilgrimage

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1. Ash-Shahadah:

- It means: “There is no god worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.”
- (By declaring and believing from the bottom of the heart in Ash-shahadah, you officially become a Muslim)

2. Salah:

- The Muslim prays five times a day at specific times.

3. Zakah

- Giving a small portion of your money to help poor people and the needy, if you have enough.

4. Sawm

- Fasting during Ramadan, by not eating or drinking from Fajr to sunset.

5. Hajj

- The holy journey a to perform the pilgrimage in Makkah, but only if you are healthy and have enough money to go.

- After hearing all of this, the man said something surprising :

“You have spoken the truth.”

- **The Sahabah (the companions)** around the Prophet were confused. They were like:

“Wait a minute... he asked a question like a student, but then said the answer was correct like a teacher who knows the answer!”

"And say, My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

- This made them very curious about who this man really was.

The Second Question:

- After asking about Islam, the stranger asked Prophet Muhammad ﷺ another question:

Tell me about Iman (Faith)

- The Prophet ﷺ gave a very clear and beautiful answer:

He said that Iman (faith) means having strong belief in six important pillars:

1. **Belief in Allah** – The One, The Creator and Only God who created everything.

2. **Belief in His Angels** – They are noble beings. Allah made them out of light. They have wings. They obey Allah and carry out His commands and never disobey Him.

3. **Belief in His Books** - which were sent to guide people to the path of Allah Like:
   (1) The Qur'an of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)
   (2) The Tawrah of Prophet Musa . عليه السلام
   (3) The Injeel of Prophet Isa. عليه السلام
   (4) The Zaboor of Prophet Dawood. عليه السلام
   (5) As-Suhuf (The Scriptures) of Prophet Ibrahim. عليه السلام

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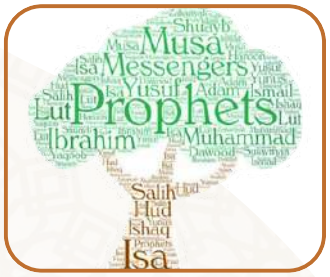
4. Belief in His Messengers – All the Prophets, including:

- Adam عليه السلام
- Ibrahim عليه السلام
- Musa عليه السلام
- Isa عليه السلام
- And the final Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ.



5. Belief in the Day of Judgement – The day when all people will be brought back to life to be judged by Allah.

6. Belief in Divine Destiny (Al-Qadar) – This means everything that happens—good or bad, happy or sad—is by the permission and wisdom of Allah and only comes from Allah.

📌 Even the hard times we face are part of Allah's plan. He knows what's best for us, even when we don't understand it right away.

Six pillars of Iman
1. Belief in Allah
2. Belief in His Angels
3. Belief in His Books
4. Belief in His Messengers
5. Belief in the Day of Judgement
6. Belief in Divine Destiny

"And say, My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

After hearing this, the stranger said:

"You have spoken the truth."

- Once again, the companions around the Prophet ﷺ were amazed. The man was asking questions, but also confirming the answers—as if he already knew!

The Third Question:

- Then, the stranger asked a third question:

Tell me about Ihsan

- The Prophet ﷺ gave a very special answer:

"Ihsan is to worship Allah as if you see Him. But even if you cannot see Him, know that He sees you."

LET'S PAUSE AND THINK ABOUT THAT.

- Imagine if you could see Allah—how careful, kind, and sincere would you be in your actions? Would you do anything wrong if you felt that Allah was watching you at every moment?

- That's the heart of Ihsan—being always mindful that Allah sees us, so we try our best to be the best version of ourselves by doing what Allah commanded us to do an by staying away from what He has forbidden.

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Ihsan in Everyday Life

- **Ihsan is not just about worship and being mindful of Allah. We should treat people and every being with Ihsan (absolute kindness):**

Being kind to parents, even when they are harsh.

Helping the poor, needy, and orphans generously and with compassion.

Forgiving others, even when you have the right to be angry.

Speaking kindly, even to those who are ignorant or rude.

Doing more than what is required, such as returning evil with good

Being fair and just, even when it's difficult.

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The Qur'an encourages Ihsan repeatedly:

- Allah Almighty said in the Qur'an:

"And do good (ihsan); indeed, Allah loves the doers of good (muhsineen)."

- Allah Almighty also said:

"Indeed, Allah commands justice, and Ihsan..."

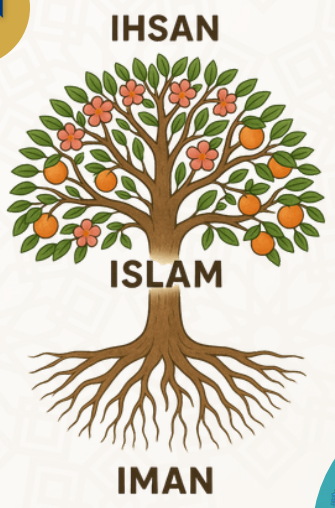
- Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also taught us that Ihsan is not just about worship or dealing with people—it's about how we treat even the animals.

- He said:

"Allah has commanded you to show Ihsan (kindness and excellence) in everything you do—even when you slaughter an animal. You should sharpen your knife and make it easy for the animal."

- If we must show kindness even when sacrificing an animal, imagine how much more we must be kind to people, animals, and the world around us.

A Beautiful Tree: Islam, Iman, and Ihsan



- Let's imagine our religion as a tree:

- The roots underground are Iman—our deep inner faith in Allah and His commands.

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- The trunk and branches are Islam—our daily actions like prayer, saying the shahadah, fasting, reciting Quran, respecting the parents, giving charity, remembering Allah ...etc

- The flowers and fruits at the top are Ihsan—doing all of this with love, sincerity, and excellence.

  - The stronger the roots (Iman), the stronger the tree.

  - The more we care for the tree (our prayers and other actions), the more it grows, and the more beautiful the fruit of Ihsan become .

The Levels of Faith

- Prophet Muhammad ﷺ taught that our religion has three levels:

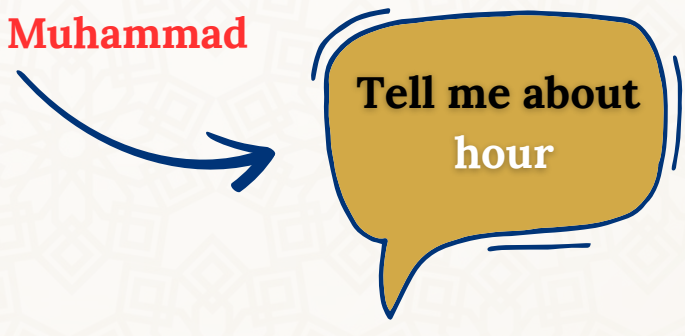
1. Islam – The base (the actions we do).
2. Iman – The middle (the belief in our hearts).
3. Ihsan – The highest level (worshiping with deep love and awareness).

The Fourth Question:

The stranger had already asked about Islam, Iman, and Ihsan—and everyone was learning so much!

But he had one more question...

- He looked at the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and asked:



"And say, My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

- (The "Hour" means the Day of Judgement—the day when all people will return to Allah and be judged for what they did in their lives.)

? A Surprising Answer

- The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ replied:

"The one who is being asked doesn't know more than the one who is asking."

- That means: No one knows exactly when the Day of Judgement will happen—except Allah.

- Not even the Prophet ﷺ Not even Angel Jibreel.
- Only Allah knows the time.

? But What Are Its Signs?

- The man then asked:

- The Prophet ﷺ shared two strange but very important signs:

First Sign: A Slave-Girl Gives Birth to Her Mistress

- The Prophet ﷺ said:

"You will see a slave-girl giving birth to her mistress."

What does that mean?

- It means that children will begin to treat their parents like servants. One day, daughters and sons will shout

at their mothers, disobey them, and treat them with disrespect and no kindness—as if they are the ones in charge.

This is something we sadly see today:

- Children being rude to their mothers.
- Young children ignoring their fathers.
- Kids stick to screens, scrolling up and down, rolling their eyes, and refusing to help.

- This is one of the big signs that the Day of Judgement is getting closer.

Second Sign: The Poor Build luxury Buildings

- The Prophet ﷺ also said:

"You will see the barefooted, the naked, the poor shepherds competing to build tall buildings."

- Long ago, many people—especially in the deserts—were very poor.

- They didn't have shoes.
- They didn't wear fancy clothes.
- They lived simple lives as shepherds, looking after camels and sheep.

- But one day, these same people would become very rich.

- They would build tall, shiny buildings.
- They would compete to see who could build the tallest tower.

? And guess what?

This is already happening today in many places around the world, especially the Arab!

Then... The Stranger Left

- After asking his final question, the mysterious man stood up and walked away.
- The companions sat in silence, still amazed. They had no idea who he was—but they knew something special had just happened.
- Then, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ turned to them and asked:

"Do you know who that man was?"

- They replied: "Allah and His Messenger know best."
- The Prophet ﷺ smiled and said:

"That was Angel Jibreel. He came to teach you your religion."

A Visit from the Heavens

- The companions were amazed.

- This "stranger" who looked so clean, spoke so wisely, and asked the most important questions... was actually Angel Jibreel — the angel who brings the revelation and messages from Allah.

📝He had come not to be taught, but to teach them—and to teach us too.

📝He reminded us of the three parts of our religion:

- Islam – What we do
- Iman – What we believe
- Ihsan – How beautifully we live it all

📝And he reminded us of the signs that the Day of Judgement is near—so that we can be ready by being the best Muslims we can be.

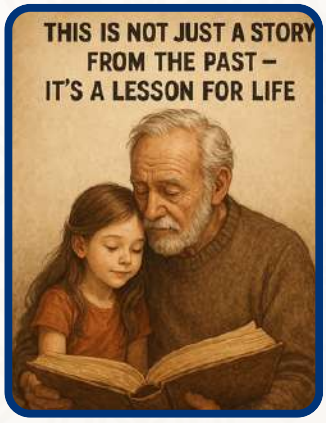
✔️ The End... or Just the Beginning?

- So now you know the full story of the man who asked questions.
- But really, this story is a message to all of us.

❔ Are we living with Ihsan?

❔ Are we treating our parents with love and kindness?

❔ Are we preparing for the Day we meet Allah?



- This isn't just a story from the past—it's a lesson for life.

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EXERCISE TIME

Q1. True or False

1. The stranger who came to the Prophet ﷺ had dusty clothes and looked like a tired traveler. ( )
2. The Five Pillars of Islam are Shahadah, Salah, Zakah, Sawm, and Hajj. ( )
3. Iman (faith) includes belief in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, the Last Day, and Divine Destiny. ( )
4. Ihsan means worshiping Allah as if you see Him, and even if you don't, knowing that He sees you. ( )
5. The Prophet ﷺ told the companions that Angel Jibreel came to teach them their religion. ( )

Q2. Fill in the Blank

1. The stranger who came to the Prophet ﷺ wore pure _____ clothes and had very black _____ .
2. The first question asked was: "O Muhammad, tell me about _____ ."
3. The Prophet ﷺ said Ihsan is to worship Allah as if you _____ Him.
4. One of the signs of the Day of Judgement is when children treat their _____ like servants.
5. The poor desert shepherds will one day compete to build tall _____.

Q3. General Understanding Questions

1. Who came to ask Prophet Muhammad ﷺ questions in this story?

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2. Why did the companions find the stranger unusual?

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3. What are the Five Pillars of Islam that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ mentioned?

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4. Why do Muslims give Zakah?

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5. What are the six pillars of Iman (faith)?

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6. What does it mean to believe in Divine Destiny (Qadar)?

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7. How did Prophet Muhammad ﷺ describe Ihsan?

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8. Can you give one example of showing Ihsan to people and animals?

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9. What were the signs of the Day of Judgement mentioned by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ ?

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Q4. Reflection & Life Application Questions

1. What part of the story surprised you the most?

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2. Which level of faith (Islam, Iman, or Ihsan) do you want to improve in?

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3. How can you show Ihsan to your parents this week?

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4. How does this story help you prepare to meet Allah one day?

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"Subhanaka Allahumma wa bihamdik, ash-hadu alla ilaha illa Anta, astaghfiruka wa atubu ilayk."

"Glory is to You, O Allah, and praise; I bear witness that there is no deity except You. I seek Your forgiveness and repent to You."